

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action mailed July 17, 2002, Applicants amend their application and request reconsideration. In this Amendment, non-elected claim 8 and examined claim 1 are cancelled, leaving claims 2-7 pending.

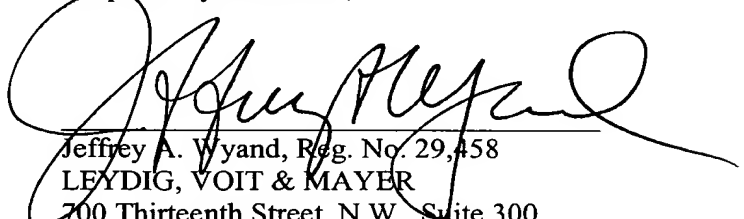
Claim 7 is allowed.

The Examiner requested that a prior art legend be added to Figures 16-18 and that amendment is proposed.

The Examiner objected to the specification because, allegedly, the abstract is not on a separate page. This statement is incorrect. The abstract does appear on a separate page in the patent application. The amendments to the abstract in the Preliminary Amendment did not appear on a separate page because the rules now in effect concerning the form of amendments do not require the abstract to be on a separate page, as in the former practice. Thus, the objection is erroneous. To avoid delay in the prosecution of this application, a copy of the amended abstract as it appeared in the Preliminary Amendment, after editing, appears on a separate page, after page B2.

Although claims 1 and 3 were rejected, the Examiner stated that claims 2 and 4-6 were allowable. In this Amendment claims 2 and 6 are rewritten in independent form and the dependency of claim 3 is changed so that amended claim 3 depends from amended claim 2. Thus, this amendment places all remaining claims in form for allowance which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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